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Michael Machado, Executive Director
Delta Protection Commission
P.O. Box 530
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RE: Draft Delta National Heritage Area Feasibility Study: Conceptual Boundaries and Request for In-Kind Assistance

Dear Mr. Machado,

On behalf of Solano County, I am writing to express support for the Delta Protection Commission's Draft National Heritage Area (NHA) Feasibility Study's boundary alternative #2 which was developed for Delta NHA legislation introduced by U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and U.S. Representative John Garamendi. The legislation, contained in S. 29 and H.R. 486 would establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area to protect and promote the cultural, historical, and natural assets of the region. Boundary alternative #2 was developed for the Delta NHA Legislation introduced by Dianne Feinstein (Senate) and John Garamendi (House of Representatives) in 2011 and includes much of the Legal Delta, as well as the Suisun Marsh and Carquinez Strait.

Your letter also requests a partnership commitment. Unfortunately, inadequate time was available to go to the Board of Supervisors before your letter of support was due. In terms of Solano County participation on the Delta Protection Commission's (DPC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), we are unclear at this point if the County can make this commitment. More details on the level and nature of commitment would be helpful. Answers to the following questions would be useful in evaluating DPC needs in relation to County resources:

- What is the anticipated time commitment per month for work on this TAC?
- Where will the meetings take place—will these be available via teleconference so travel time will not always be necessary?
- What total amount of time do you anticipate will be required for each County to provide the in-kind support for this effort over the next year?
- What rationale did you use to determine which issues (such as gathering of inventory) County staff support would be requested for instead of seeking consultant support.

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Upon receipt of this information the County will determine our ability to participate.

Thank you for providing a structure supportive of a Delta NHA. We look forward to working more closely with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Bill Emlen
Director of Resource Management

cc: Solano County Board of Supervisors
Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator